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Ms. Hollis Robinson
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Docket No.: 130927852-3852-01 (Request for Comments on Department of Commerce Green Paper, Copyright Policy, Creativity, and Innovation in the Digital Economy)

Dear Ms. Robinson:

The undersigned organizations, representing Internet communications and technology companies, public interest organizations, and library associations, respectfully urge the United States Patent and Trademark Office to extend its timeline identified in its request for comments and public hearing in the above-referenced docket.

The request for comments was published on the NTIA's website on the evening of September 30 and was not published in the Federal Register until the morning of October 3, 2013. It provides that comments are due on or before November 13, 2013, but it also indicates that comments must be received by October 15, 2013 to be considered in the discussions in a public meeting, which is scheduled for October 30, 2013.

Each of the items identified for consideration is complex and capable of generating substantial discussion. Many organizations will be interested in commenting on all 5 topics. Asking stakeholders to provide comments within two weeks on each of the 5 different aspects of copyright law is unrealistic.

Consequently, we respectfully request the notice to extend its deadlines so that the initial comments are due no earlier than November 15, the public hearing scheduled no earlier than November 30, and the final comments due no earlier than December 15.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

American Library Association
Association of Research Libraries
The Berkeley Digital Library Copyright Project
Center for Democracy & Technology
Computer and Communications Industry Association
Consumer Electronics Association
Electronic Frontier Foundation
Engine Advocacy
Future of Music Coalition
Internet Commerce Coalition
The Internet Association
Knowledge Ecology International
New Media Rights
Organization for Transformative Works
Public Knowledge
TechAmerica
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